

Domestic Relations Committee  
Judicial Conference of Indiana

**Minutes (Draft)**  
November 15, 2002

The Domestic Relations Committee met at the Marriott Inn at Keystone At the Crossing in Indianapolis, Indiana on Friday, November 15, 2002 from 9:30 a.m.- 5:15 p.m. and Saturday, November 16, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

1. Members present. David Bonfiglio, Scott R. Bowers, Thomas J. Felts; Brian D. Hutchison; Keith A. Meier; Robyn L. Moberly; Michael P. Scopelitis; Kathy R. Smith, Richard G. Striegel; and Daniel F. Donahue, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved. The minutes for the meeting of the committee on October 18, 2002 were approved.
4. Guests present. Dr. David Betson, University of Notre Dame, consultant; Robert Monday, PACE; Richard Myers; and Barb Richards, League of Women Voters of Indiana were also present.
5. Child Support Guidelines.
  - a. Mr. Bercovitz distributed a draft of the child support guidelines prepared by Judge Donahue, which incorporated all changes previously prepared by committee members. The committee members thanked Judge Donahue for his hard work on this draft and reviewed and revised these changes.
  - b. Dr. Betson distributed a draft paper "Review of Indiana Basic Child Support Obligation Table" which analyzed Indiana's support tables. After review of the tables, the committee agreed by consensus to make no changes to the present table.
  - c. Committee members discussed a new table and worksheet for shared parenting cases. Dr. Betson distributed sample scenarios in this area. The committee members agreed by consensus to adopt the explanatory language prepared by Judge Donahue as revised for shared parenting; the proposed shared parenting worksheet, a table of overnights with 5-day increments, and place these in the guidelines. Mr. Bercovitz asked committee members to try the new, shared parenting worksheet with existing cases and bring the results to the January meeting.
  - d. The committee members agreed to review the proposed changes and return any comments to Judge Donahue by Monday, December 2. The committee agreed to then place the draft on the Internet for comments by the bench, bar, and members of the public before the January meeting.
6. Next meeting dates. The members of the committee agreed to meet again on Friday, January 17, 2003, February 21, 2003, March 21, 2003, April 18, 2003, May 16, 2003, July 18, 2003, August 15, 2003, October 17, 2003, all from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center; and Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 13-14, 2003 for an all day Judicial Center Seminar on Domestic Relations; and hold no Nov. 2003 mtg.

Respectfully submitted,

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